

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4388-01
Bill No.: HB 1835
Subject: Economic Development Dept: Engineers; Licenses - Professional
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FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Board of Geologist Registration Fund*	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds*	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown

*Expected to be less than \$100,000

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Economic Development - Division of Professional Registration** and the **Office of Administration - Administrative Hearing Commission** stated that this proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact on their agencies.

Oversight assumes there could be minimal application, examination, certification, and certification renewal fee income generated as a result of this proposal.

Officials from the **Secretary of State's Office (SOS)** assumed the rules, regulations and forms issued by the Missouri Board of Geologist Registration could require as many as 8 pages in the *Code of State Regulations*. For any given rule, roughly half again as many pages are published in the *Missouri Register* as in the Code because cost statements, fiscal notes and the like are not repeated in the Code. These costs are estimated. The estimated cost of a page in the *Missouri Register* is \$23. The estimated cost of a page in the *Code of State Regulations* is \$27. The actual costs could be more or less the SOS's estimated cost of \$492 for FY 2003. The impact of this legislation in future years is unknown and depends upon the frequency and length of rules, filed, amended, rescinded or withdrawn.

Oversight assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process. Any decisions to raise fees to defray costs would likely be made in subsequent fiscal years.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
BOARD OF GEOLOGIST REGISTRATION FUND			
<u>Income - Fee Revenue*</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
*Expected to be less than \$100,000			
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

There could be a fiscal impact to small businesses employing geologists that might pay for fees required by this proposed legislation.

DESCRIPTION

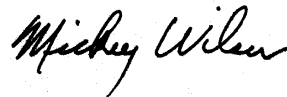
This proposed legislation contains provisions relating to the licensing of geologists. The proposal:

- (1) Repeals the examination exemption for persons practicing geology prior to August 28, 1994, and allows the examination and course of study requirements to be waived for persons having at least 20 years of postbaccalaureate experience in geology;
- (2) Allows applicants who do not meet the current requirements to petition the board to sit for examination;
- (3) Exempts persons licensed in other states which have licensing requirements that are identical or more stringent than those in Missouri; and
- (4) Exempts professional engineers who have 15 hours of geologic course work and a master's degree in geotechnical engineering or work for a firm authorized by the state that offers geotechnical or environmental engineering services.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Economic Development
Division of Professional Registration
Office of Administration
Administrative Hearing Commission
Office of Secretary of State
Administrative Rules Division



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